

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled *Seismic Detection*, the specification of which:

X is attached hereto; or

___ was filed on _____ as United States Application Number

or PCT International Application Number _____

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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(Application Number) (Country) (Filing Date)

Priority Claimed

X Yes No

(Application Number) (Country) (Filing Date)

 Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. OR PCT PARENT APPLICATION(S)

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

(Patent Number, if any)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

Sole Inventorship

WHEREAS, Robert Hughes Jones, hereinafter called the "Assignor", has invented a new and useful invention of *Seismic Detection*, a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by him on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, ABB Offshore Systems Limited, an United Kingdom corporation, having a principal office and place of business at 2 High Street, Nailsea, Bristol BS48 1BS, United Kingdom, hereinafter called the "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the application above identified, and in, to and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for said invention, as hereinafter more fully set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 and other valuable and legally sufficient considerations, the receipt of which by the said Assignor from the said Assignee is hereby acknowledged, said Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and application hereinabove identified, and any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for said invention as well as all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions and reissues thereof, and any Letters Patent therefore in all countries foreign to the United States; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention may issue.

And the said Assignor does hereby covenant and agree, for himself and his legal representatives, that he will assist his said Assignee in the prosecution of the application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth; investing in the said Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference or reexamination which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that he will execute and deliver to the said Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the said Assignee to fully carry out the terms of said assignment.

And the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to

issue Letters Patent to the said Assignee in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignor has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal, on the date indicated below.

Date: _____

Robert Hughes Jones

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